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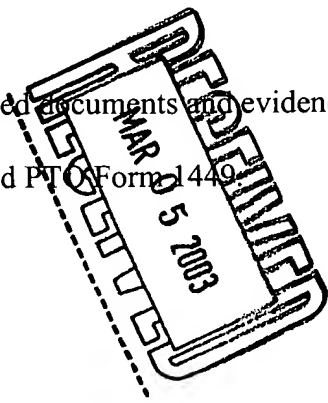
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicant does not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

The listed documents were cited in an European Search Report dated February 3, 2003 in a related European patent application. A copy of the European Search Report is attached hereto.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449



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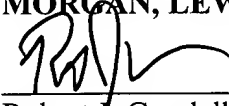
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Respectfully submitted,

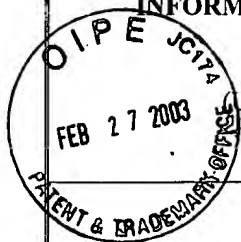
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	D. J. Attwater et al., "Large-Vocabulary Data-Centric Dialogues," <i>BT Technology Journal</i> , Vol. 17, No. 1 (January 1999), pp. 149-159.

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